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Fast Food Fax

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were at least adequate to available for current needs. Wings were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to well cleared. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

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Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: 17-MAY-2008

Weight Range	4.25 & Down	4.26 - 6.25	6.26-7.75	7.76 & Up	Total
Total (000)	45,155	82,424	23,386	18,597	169,562
WTAvg Live V	√gt 3.89	5.40	6.73	8.22	5.49
Percentage of	total 27%	48%	14%	11%	100 %

Fast Food and F	Food Service Sizes	No. of Head	Percentage of
Live Weights	RTC WOG Weights	<u>(000</u>)	Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	5,776	3.42
3.61 – 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz.	2,750	1.63
3.81 – 4.00 lbs	2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz.	15,644	9.28
4.01 – 4.25 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 15 oz	20,985	12.44
		45,155	26.77

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

					Eggs Set		Chicks Place	ed Pro	elim. Fed. Ir	isp.	
Slaughter	Egg		Chicks		10 Weeks		7 Weeks	ľ	Million head	1	
Week	Sets		Placed		Previous		Previous		Slaughtered		
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**	
Mar 22	216,791	100	180,961	103	215,444	102	176,060	102	160,412	96	
Mar 29	216,422	100	180,429	103	216,467	104	176,413	103	160,207	100	
Apr 05	217,817	99	180,126	102	217,697	104	177,541	103	166,456	104	
Apr 12	217,465	99	178,594	101	218,880	103	178,240	103	165,977	100	
Apr 19	215,495	98	177,173	100	217,271	102	177,627	102	165,918	100	
Apr 26	213,228	98	178,108	99	218,479	102	179,798	103	165,215	100	
May 03	213,567	98	177,234	98	219,311	102	180,426	103	168,654	102	
May 10	213,700	97	176,530	98	219,830	102	181,091	103	169,819	101	
May 17	217,439	99	175,474	98	219.337	102	180,372	102	169,562	100	
	Data in hold	are suhi	ect to revision	*Perce	ent of previo	niis vear	**Percent char	ge from	nrevious v	veek	

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)	Majority	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
Week of 05/26/08				
NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed	76-79	77.73	77.95	82.67
CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed	76-79	77.00	77.51	81.45
LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed	92	91.67	91.22	86.94
12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg.		82.53	80.78	82.89
GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock	84.00)	82.24	81.90	80.09
SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day	Avg.	57.47	57.45	69.43

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)	Northeast	Southern States	Georgia
Weekly Weighted Average	(Delivered)	(FOB)	(FOB)
	05/23/08	05/23/08	05/27/08
Breast – B/S	153.82	136.32	152.50
Tenderloins	140.33	128.83	178.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	80.81	78.83	85.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	47.78	44.96	48.50
Wings	91.63	75.77	104.00

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